

- (88) Military Wartime Veteran. – Issuable to either a member or veteran of the ~~armed services~~ Armed Forces of the United States who served during a period of war who received a campaign or expeditionary ribbon or medal for their service. If the person is a veteran of the ~~armed services~~, Armed Forces of the United States, then the veteran must be separated from the ~~armed services~~ Armed Forces of the United States under honorable conditions. The plate shall bear a word or phrase identifying the period of war and a replica of the campaign badge or medal awarded for that war. The Division may not issue the plate authorized by this subdivision unless it receives a total of 300 applications for all periods of war, combined, to be represented on this plate. A "period of war" is any of the following:

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- (113) Prisoner of War. – Issuable to the following:

- a. A member or veteran member of the Armed Forces of the United States who has been captured and held prisoner by forces hostile to the United States while serving in the ~~Armed Forces~~ Forces of the United States.
- b. The surviving spouse of a person who had a prisoner of war plate at the time of death so long as the surviving spouse continues to renew the plate and does not remarry.

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SECTION 24. G.S. 20-311(g) reads as rewritten:

"(g) Notwithstanding the penalty and restoration fee provisions of this section, any monetary penalty or restoration fee shall be waived for any person who, at the time of notification of a lapse in coverage, was deployed as a member of the ~~United States~~ Armed Forces of the United States outside of the continental United States for a total of 45 or more days. In addition, no insurance points under the Safe Driver Incentive Plan shall be assessed for any violation for which a monetary penalty or restoration fee is waived pursuant to this subsection. Any person qualifying under this subsection shall:

- (1) Have an affirmative defense to any criminal charge based upon the failure to return any registration card or registration plate to the Division;
- (2) Upon reregistration, receive without cost from the Division all necessary registration cards or plates; and
- (3) Upon notice of revocation, be permitted to transfer the vehicle's registration immediately to his or her spouse, child, or spouse's child, notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (e) of this section."

SECTION 25. G.S. 28B-1 reads as rewritten:

"§ 28B-1. Absentee in military service; definition.

Any person serving in or with the ~~armed forces~~ Armed Forces of the United States, in or with the Red Cross, in or with the ~~merchant marines~~, United States Merchant Marine, during any time when a state of hostilities exists between the United States and any other power, who has been reported or listed by the appropriate federal agency as missing in action or as a prisoner of war for a period of one year, shall be an "absentee in military service" within the meaning of this Chapter."

SECTION 26. G.S. 28C-20 reads as rewritten:

"§ 28C-20. Provisions applicable to person held incommunicado in foreign country.

As to a person who is known to be held incommunicado in a foreign country, G.S. 28C-1 through 28C-8 and G.S. 28C-10 may be applied as though ~~such the~~ person were an absentee within the meaning of this Chapter, and if ~~his the person's~~ whereabouts becomes unknown, the other provisions of this Chapter may be applied by such amendments to the pending proceeding as may be required. This section shall not apply to personnel serving in or with the ~~armed forces~~, Armed Forces of the United States, the ~~merchant marine~~, United States Merchant Marine, or the Red Cross during a period of hostilities between the United States and some